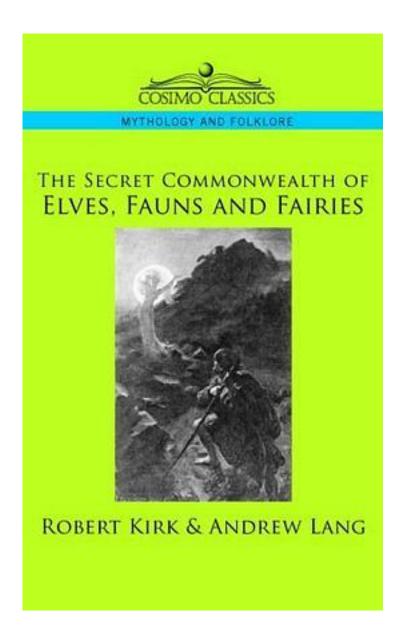
## The Secret Commonwealth of Elves, Fauns and Fairies



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These Subterraneans have Controverfies, Doubts, Difputes, Feuds, and Siding of Parties... As to Vice and Sin, whatever their own Laws be... they tranfgrefs and commit Acts of Injuftice... -from Chapter 11

As a study of 17th-century folklore, this mysterious and remarkable text is fascinating. As a document of the popular mindset of a time in which the odd or the outcast were bert Kirk's "A erhaps a n psýchic

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still condemned and punished as witches, it is wholly astonishing. Rol Study in Folk-Lore and Psychical Research" dates from 1691, and is penallucinatory and delusional labor of love by a minister obsessed with phenomena.
Here, Kirk's treatise is accompanied by commentary written in 1893 by Andrew Lang that both celebrates Kirk's passion and wonders at his "smetaphysics."
By turns bizarre and enlightening, this little book continues to bewitch
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